

RESOLUTION NO. 13 OF 2016

FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION

LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS of the Centre County that discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services because of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familial status(families with children), or handicap (disability) is prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Law) and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act adds the additional protected classes of age and ancestry. It is the policy of the Centre County to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familial status, handicap (disability), age and ancestry. Therefore, the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby pass the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED, within available resources Centre County will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familial status, handicap (disability), age and ancestry to seek equity under federal and state laws by filing a complaint with the local Fair Housing Officer, Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, whichever is chosen by the person filling the complaint.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Centre County shall make publically known this Resolution and through this publicity shall cause owners of real estate, developers, and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Law, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, and any local laws or ordinances.

FURTHER ACTION will at a minimum include, but not to be limited to:

- (1) Publicizing the name and contact information of the local Fair Housing Officer, which will include the process to file a complaint if a person feels they have been discriminated against in housing in any manner and other applicable fair housing information through local media and community contacts; and
- (2) Conduct at least one fair housing activity annually to better inform the public of their rights under the Fair Housing Law and Pennsylvania Human Relations Act; and
- (3) Use the fair housing logo on all materials dealing with housing programs such as but not limited to:
 - a. Public advertisements for vacancy or discussing the program
 - b. Applications for assistance
 - c. Contracts
 - d. County dealing with the federal programs

If you're a person with a disability and require a reasonable accommodation to be able to access any notification or if you're Limited English Proficient and require a document translation of any notification, please contact the Centre County Human Resources Office at 814-355-6748, Room 334 Willowbank Building, Bellefonte, PA

ADOPTED and Approved at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Centre County Board of Commissioners held July 5, 2016.

CENTRE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


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